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Oak Hill Post Office, Green Dwelling  
House  
Martinsburg, Maryland  
Private

Last quarter of 19th  
century

This structure today consists of two sections. The earlier, one and a half story frame block was the post office for the Oak Hill community according to local tradition. By the 1890's it had been converted into a dwelling, and a two story frame block was added.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Oak Hill Post Office; Green Dwelling House (SITE)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER N. side of Club Hollow Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☒ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☐ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: Abandoned

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Floyd W. and B.M. Cregger

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

23023 Club Hollow Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 20753

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Montgomery County Court House

Liber #: 2741

Folio #: 402

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This abandoned structure consists of two sections with their gable ends aligned. Since they were both locked, an investigation of the interior was not possible.

According to Mrs. Frances Cregger Lamarr, who was raised on her father's farm nearby, her parents had told her that the east block of this building was originally a post office for the Oak Hill community. Afterwards it became a dwelling for a Black family, and at that time the second section was added on its west gable end.

The "post office" had a facade of three bays, with a door centrally located, flanked by two windows. Over the door was a small cantilevered porch in a temple form. The "post office" was one bay in depth. It stood one and a half stories. Its frame was sheathed with asbestos shingles.

The allegedly newer section stands a full two stories, but is narrower in length with a facade of only two bays, a door and a window. In depth it has only one bay like the "post office". Its facade carries a shed porch, and inside the east gable end ascends a brick stove flue.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1875-1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Oral informant Lemuel Graham confirmed Mrs. Lamarr's recollection that this structure had been a post office, but neither could remember the dates of its operation except that it was "before my time". When they knew the house in the early 1900's, the family of Joe Green, a Black farmer, was living here. Both sections had been built. The Hopkins' Atlas of Montgomery County (1879), shows this site (west of the Oak Hill School) as owned by C. Hyatt and does show a dwelling. There is no post office shown for Oak Hill on the map. Further research of land records is necessary to corroborate the oral traditions.

Continued research of land records has not found deeds that show this site to have been a post office. In 1893, John Jones conveyed the land (2.25 acres) to Ann Willett Hyatt, probably a relative of C. Hyatt for \$500, so there was most likely a dwelling on the tract. (It was not possible within the time frame of this survey to locate John Jones as grantee since there was no reference in this deed (L/F: JA40/347) to the transaction by which he received it, and there were too many "John Jones" in the grantee index.) In 1914 Ann Hyatt conveyed the land to the Aud family (L/F: 248/398), and in 1919 William L. and Carrie V. Aud sold the land to William Albert Green and his wife Susan (288/69). Thus land records show that William Albert Green lived here instead of Joe Green. Perhaps they were kin. Nonetheless, this is one case in which the land records do not concur with the oral accounts in Martinsburg, and further research ought to be conducted to clarify the discrepancies.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hopkins' 1879, Atlas of Montgomery County.  
 Land Records of Montgomery County, County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.  
 Deeds: 2741/402; JA 40/347; 248/398; 288/69.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.25

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION	George W. McDaniel	DATE	
STREET & NUMBER	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	TELEPHONE	6/78
CITY OR TOWN	Box 87	STATE	926-4510
	Dickerson	MD	20753

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~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~  
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SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS  
 Box 87, Strongsville  
 Dickerson, Md. 20753  
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Same land described in a quit claim deed from Paul Myron Linebarger and Lillian Linebarger to John S. Umstead now dead, dated May 4, 1938 recorded May 6, 1938 in C/F 669/82

and also described in a deed from W<sup>m</sup> Albert Green, Jr. to G. J. Umstead dated April 21, 1938 recorded May 6, 1938 in C/F 669/84 <sup>2nd parcel</sup> containing  $2\frac{1}{4}$  ac. 669/82 - Quitclaim Deed

Grantor Paul Myron Linebarger and Lillian  
Grantee S. S. Umstead  
Date May 4, 1938  
note:

Also being same land from John Jones and wife Anna Willett Hyatt Oct 28, 1892

C/F JA 40/347 also 248/398 and 288/69

— Also same property described in a deed from J. Forest Walker, Treas. of Mont. County to Paul M. Linebarger dated Jan. 28, 1931 in C/F PBR ~~514~~ 514/483

{ C/F 669/84

from W<sup>m</sup> L. Aud and Carrie V. Aud

to W<sup>m</sup> Albert Green, Jr and Susan Green  
C/F 288/69, 1919

{ from Ann Willett Hyatt and W<sup>m</sup> L. Aud  
C/F 248/398, 1914

{ From John Jones  
to Ann Willett Hyatt  
JA NO. 40 347, 1893

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SITE: Joe Greene House - Post Office Oak Hill

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP:

ACREAGE:

L/F:

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

2) GRANTOR: Russell Umstead and Lois M. Umstead

GRANTEE: Floyd E. Cramer / Floyd W. Cregger and

DATE: June 3, 1960 ACREAGE: 2 1/4 Bertha H. Cregger

Re. June 3, 1960

MISC.:

L/F 2741/402

Note: Being the same 2 1/4 acre tract acquired by the said R. and L. Umstead ~~and Lois~~ by the deed from Ella V. Sears dated Dec. 14, 1951

3) GRANTOR: L/F 1609/59

GRANTEE:

DATE: Nov. 9, 1946 ACREAGE: 2 1/4

L/F 1048/86

MISC.:

In a deed from Sallie E. Umsted et al to said Ella Umstead Sears

- over -

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HISTORY CONTINUED

SITE: Oak Hill Post Office - Wm Albert Green

GRANTOR: Wm L. And + Carrie V. And

GRANTEE: Wm Albert + Susan Green  
(wife)

DATE: 1919 ACREAGE: 2.44

MISC.: 4F: ~~227/398~~ 28P/69

(Adj. to Oak Hill School House Lot)

GRANTOR: Ann Willott Hyatt

GRANTEE: And (s)

DATE: 1914 ACREAGE:

MISC.:

4F: 248/398

GRANTOR: John Jones

GRANTEE: Ann Willott Hyatt

DATE: 1893 ACREAGE: 2.44 acres for \$500 cash

MISC.: 4F: JA 40/347

GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

MISC.:

No "being" clause in JA 40/347,  
referring to John Jones as Grantee.  
No time ACREAGE: to pursue further  
to see if this was a post  
office; too many John Jones in the index.





Green

Oak Hill P.O. & Green Dwelling

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Facade : South length

6/78

GWM

2-19670 #16



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Oak Hill P.O. - Green Dwelling

Back (North) Length

Martinsburg, Md.

6/28 Gum